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such as a Holter monitor having surface electrodes (as specifically stated), is not an implanted or implantable medical device (IMD).

Claim 1 states, among other things, transmitting a plurality of EGM signals associated with an IMD. Reinhold does not teach EGM signals, acquiring such signals or using such signals. Reinhold does not teach acquiring any such signal from an IMD. Thus, the reference cannot, by definition, anticipate the claim. To state otherwise requires complete disregard of the actual teachings of the reference and the language of the claims. Claim 1 further states that "first and second EGM signals" are received from the IMD. Again, the reference does not teach, mention suggest or imply acquiring one, let alone two EGM signals. No such signals are acquired from any implanted device.

There is absolutely no supportable basis to maintain that this reference anticipates the claims, and the rejection (and finality) are improper and must be withdrawn. The remaining rejections are improper for the reasons previously stated.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are allowable for these and other reasons and requests notice of the same. Should the Examiner choose to maintain this rejection, Applicant requests that the Examiner point with specificity to the column and line in Reinhold where that reference teaches acquiring EGM signals (not EKG) from an implantable device (not an external device with surface electrodes). Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner's generalized and conclusory remarks have provided no further support or analysis to the pending matter.

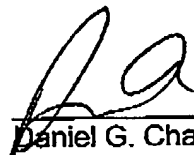
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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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